

## TAFT FAVORS ARBITRATING CANAL ISSUE

Believed Administration Will Rec-  
ommend This Course to the  
U. S. Senate

## TO REPLY TO BRITISH NOTE

Secretary of State Gets Down to  
Careful Study of English  
Objections

## MATTER FOR HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Washington, Dec. 10.—Sec. Knox today got down to a careful study of the objections raised by Sir Edward Grey to the Panama bill. Knox will prepare a reply to the British note, submitted to him last night. It will be in the same friendly tone as was Grey's communication, entirely lacking in any elements of belligerency. Today at the regular cabinet meeting the subject was up for informal discussion by President Taft and his official family.

## TAFT FAVORS ARBITRATION

It is known the president does not regard the subject as one affecting the vital interests of the United States, but rather as of purely pecuniary consequence, and therefore not among the prohibited subjects mentioned in the existing special arbitration treaty with Great Britain. Therefore, while the result may not be reached immediately, it is probable in the end the administration will hold that the question at issue is clearly an arbitrable one.

The next step will be to negotiate with the British ambassador with a view to preparing a draft of the agreement specifying the matters to be arbitrated. This necessarily will go to the Senate for approval. The administration has no assurance the Senate will approve such an agreement, but it is understood the president's attitude is bound by the arbitration treaty and he feels it his duty to assume any responsibility and pass that obligation along to his successor. It is said the president feels that should the Senate withhold approval of any arbitration agreement he will have maintained his record as a consistent advocate of the principle of settlement of international disputes by arbitration.

## London Press Comment.

London, Dec. 10.—The newspapers today all refer to the Panama canal question. The Pall Mall Gazette, Conservative, says:

"Grey's dispatch should provide ample grounds for a return to paths of fair dealing."

The Westminster Gazette, Liberal, declines to believe the prophecy carried from New York that if arbitration should be asked for the United States Senate would refuse it.

"We cannot conceive a difficulty more nicely suitable to arbitration by the Hague tribunal."

## England Submits Canal Protest.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Great Britain's formal note of protest against that section of the Panama canal act which exempts American coastwise shipping from payment of tolls for passing through the Panama canal, a document written by Sir Edward Grey, British minister for foreign affairs, was presented to the secretary of state, Philander C. Knox, last night by the British ambassador, James Bryce, who read the note word for word to the secretary at the latter's home. It is an elaboration of the points of objection in the note presented to the state department last July. In brief the objections are:

"That while it was clearly in violation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty either to remit or refund tolls on all American shipping using the canal, the same objection probably would apply to the coastwise trade shipping in violation of the probable impossibility of framing regulations that would not result in a preference to American shipping."

In addition to supporting these points by long arguments, Sir Edward Grey indicates clearly that strong resistance will be offered to any attempt to exclude from the canal British ships owned by Canadian railroads or whose owners may be guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust act. He holds that this section of the act cannot apply to British shipping but only to United States vessels.

He also indicates that underlying the objection to the exemption from toll of American coastwise ships is an apprehension that in the future the principle might be extended to cover American ships in the foreign trade.

Otherwise the note is devoted almost

## BODY OF WOMAN LIES IN STATE IN COLORADO CAPITOL

Denver, Colo., Dec. 10.—For the second time in the history of Colorado the body of a woman lies in state in the rotunda of the capitol today. Mrs. Julia Van Der Leith Welles is the receiver of this public tribute.

The guard of honor is composed of prominent women. Mrs. Welles was responsible for the creation of the state traveling library, which preceded a noted philanthropic work.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

BRING \$2,500,000

ABOUT 4,000,000 ARE USED EACH  
HOLIDAY SEASON IN UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—About \$2,500,000 is expected to change hands in the Christmas tree industry during the two weeks beginning today. Recently the baby pine tree was placed under a federal ban because of the devastation of the "gypsy" moth, but Uncle Sam made the provisions of the quarantine so generous as not to interfere with the Christmas tree trade.

The United States consumes about 4,000,000 Christmas trees every year and the demand is steadily increasing, according to the officials of the Forest Service, who have been studying the subject with a view to determining whether the use of trees for this purpose is likely to affect the interests of the forests of America seriously.

The total cut of Christmas trees each year yields the owners of the lands from which the trees are taken about \$299,000, it is estimated. For the same trees, the consumers who purchase them in the cities, pay about \$2,500,000. The great difference in these two prices represents the joint profits of the shippers and dealers minus transportation charges.

## FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE

FOR RATING OF DWELLINGS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—Rating officials representing the leading fire insurance companies of the country conferred here today on the advisability of formulating a schedule for general use in the rating of dwellings and their contents. The dwelling class is the only important class not rated by schedule, and there has been a growing demand from State supervisory officials and others for a closer fixing of the rate to the hazard than is possible under the flat rate system usually applied to such risks. The question is one of difficulties owing to the unusual number of dwellings, the wide variations in their hazards, and the smallness of the average premium involved. The prevailing opinion is believed to favor a schedule which will begin with a maximum rate covering all the usual hazards of the class, to be reduced by credits for protection and various improvements.

## PROPERTY ON GALICIAN FRONTIER IS INSURED AGAINST LOSS IN WAR

London, Dec. 10.—An enormous amount of insurance, covering the risks of war and civil commotion, have been effected the past few days on property on the Galician frontier dividing Russia and Austria-Hungary. The underwriters describe the insurance as the most extensive ever placed in connection with the oil, lumber and brewery trades of Austria-Hungary. One risk alone represented a million and a quarter dollars.

## DID NOT USE FIREARM.

The reported disturbance resulting from the discharge of firearms by Giovanni Cecchi, in the saloon of the William Jones on Saturday evening, did not occur, according to Mr. Jones, proprietor of the place. He stated to a reporter for The News today that he received information from a bystander that Cecchi had a gun and promptly reported this fact to Marshal Joseph Trudell who arrested the man on the street after he had left the place. Mr. Jones asserts the gun was not even displayed in his saloon and could not have been discharged.

Paris is said to consume more bread than any other city in the world.

most entirely to an effort to demonstrate that any such exemption of American shipping as is proposed is in direct conflict with the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and that President Taft was clearly wrong when he took the contrary view.

Generally, the British note might be summed up as a clear definition of the differences regarding the construction of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, winding up with a proposal that the issues should be settled by arbitration provided that they cannot be adjusted by mutual agreement, for which a way remains open.

## "APPEAL TO REASON"



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## NEW PARTY HAS COME TO STAY

Col. Roosevelt Says it Will Make  
No Terms With G. O. P.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Even the aisles and other standing room were filled when the conference of the Progressive party was formally called to order today in the auditorium of the LaSalle Hotel. National Chairman Dixon spoke briefly and was followed by Roosevelt in the keynote speech.

Col. Roosevelt declared the program of the Progressive party does not contemplate making terms with the Republican party as a party. He said in effect that the new party has come to stay and expected to eventually attract to its banner the Progressives who still gave allegiance to the Republican and Democratic organizations.

As to leadership, Roosevelt said the events of the next year or two could be trusted to develop the best men who must be chosen without reference to their own desires, but solely with regard to the needs of the people. The Progressives in Congress and state legislatures were urged to get together and push legislation, but also counseled them to support legislation that would carry out the principles of the new party, regardless of what party might introduce it.

Addressing the Progressive national committee, and other leaders, Roosevelt congratulated them on what had been accomplished in the short time since the party had been organized, and gave hope for the future. He did not refer to the outcome of the campaign, but dwelt briefly on the Chicago convention. He said:

"The men who took part in, profited by or condoned and endorsed the theft of the Chicago convention, should never again be trusted by men who believe in honesty."

Roosevelt repeated and emphasized his criticism of the Idaho supreme court for ruling the Progressive electors from the ballot. Not to have criticized the decision, for which several Boise editors, who quoted the Colorado's strictures, have been cited for contempt, would have been cowardly, said Roosevelt.

"I advocate the Progressive party send the best lawyers obtainable to Idaho to fight the case," he continued. He concluded with tumultuous cheers. J. H. Gibson of Caldwell, Idaho, arose and inspired further cheering when he said:

"The supreme court of Idaho, instead of being in a position to cite editors for contempt, should be in stripes."

## Will Have to Explain.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 10.—The publisher and editor of the Capital News will have to explain, the supreme court of Idaho ruled today, why they should not be punished for contempt in giving publicity to Roosevelt's views on the decision of the court which kept the Roosevelt electors off the official ballot.

## TRAIN ROBBERS GET \$20,000.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 10.—Twenty thousand dollars in gold was the haul of two robbers who held up the express car of the "Sunset Western" train, bound from Bakersfield for Taft, Cal., last night. The money was consigned to the First National Bank of Bakersfield. It was not placed in the express safe.

Judge Fry of Chicago, calls for a law to impose jail sentences on speed violators.

## FATALLY SHOT BY TURKS, AVIATOR GUIDES AEROPLANE BACK TO BULGARIAN LINES

Vienna, Austria, Dec. 10.—The fate of Dr. Jules Constantia, a French aviator in the Bulgarian service, who was decorated by King Ferdinand for bravery, is described in a dispatch just received here.

Dr. Constantia started from Surma village on his last flight over the Thracian lines, with the object of dropping bombs on the Turkish troops. His biplane disappeared rapidly and some hours later was seen to descend near the Bulgarian camp. The aviator was found lying on the ground, dead, with a wound in his chest. The wings of the biplane had been pierced by bullets.

The instrument showed that the aviator had reached a height of nearly four thousand feet. He had photographed the Turkish lines, and after being shot had strength to guide the machine back before he expired.

## NOTORIOUS SAFE BLOWER KILLED BY DETECTIVES

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 10.—In a police raid on a house on the outskirts of the city today, "Kinney" Bergen, believed to be a widely known safe blower, was killed by detectives, Frank Holloway, an alleged robber and swindler, "Tex" Wallace, Jack Monday and a woman were arrested.

Bergen was killed after a spectacular escape. Detectives surrounded the house and captured the other members without trouble. Bergen, vowing not to be taken alive, directed a steady fire at the police to drive them back and leaped from a garret window. Surviving the 35-foot jump Bergen got away. A short time afterwards he returned to the house. The detectives surrounded him and a pistol duel followed. Bergen was killed.

## MAN AND WIFE DESTROY THEIR LITTLE CHILD'S EYES

Cerbere, France, Dec. 10.—A man and his wife, living in the village of Cave in Catalonia, were arrested yesterday for gouging out the eyes of their five-year-old child, with the object of rendering it more pitiable and thus able to obtain, as a beggar, more sympathy from the public. When neighbors, attracted by the child's screams, arrived, it already had been blinded and otherwise mutilated.

## RUNAWAY IN LAURIUM.

Horse of Western Express Company Becomes Frightened.

Early this afternoon, a horse owned by the Western Express company became frightened in Laurium and ran away, causing considerable excitement. The horse had been left standing in front of the Dunlop Bakery, where the driver delivered a package.

The driver, whose name is McMillan, was gone but a very short time when the horse started up Hecla street, dragging the weight behind it. Near the Vivian store, after colliding with several other rigs, the horse worked itself free from the thills of the sleigh and continued to drag the weight as far as the bank corner, where it turned toward the Palace. Fortunately no one was hurt. The sleigh was badly damaged.

Germany's newest battleship cruiser is to be driven by 90,000 horsepower engines.

Pittsburgh police are checking fast driving of automobiles, making many arrests.

## FOLEY CHOSEN AS TREASURER

Houghton Man Named To Fill Office Temporarily

The Houghton county board of supervisors this afternoon appointed Michael Foley, supervisor of Portage township, as temporary county treasurer, to succeed Edgar Rashleigh upon the expiration of the latter's term, January 1, and to hold the office until the selection of a permanent successor at a special election early in the coming year. Mr. Foley's appointment was determined upon at a conference of the board during a recess at this morning's session, and a special meeting of the Portage township board was held this afternoon, at which time his resignation as supervisor was formally tendered and accepted. Soon after the board reconvened at 1:30 this afternoon, the appointment was announced.

## Wilson For Game Warden.

The board this morning approved the bonds of Sheriff-elect James Cruise for \$10,000. Clerk N. F. Kaiser for \$2,000, Register of Chancery N. P. Kaiser, \$2,000, Circuit Court Commissioners H. A. Weider and N. A. Ruona-vaa for \$3,000 each, Coroners William Fisher and Charles R. Little for \$2,000 each and Mine Inspector Thomas H. James for \$5,000. A communication was received from W. J. McCabb, informing the board that the arrangements which had been made for \$100,000 bonds for Treasurer-elect Will White will hold good for the temporary treasurer and for the permanent successor when such successor is elected. The cost of these bonds to the county is \$500.

The board recommended the appointment of St. Claire Wilson to be game warden for the county; this recommendation having been forwarded to the game warden's department at Lansing. John Wiesen of South Range was a candidate to succeed Wilson.

## W. H. Vivian, Turnkey.

Sheriff-elect James Cruise recommended the appointment of W. H. Vivian as turnkey, Thomas Hosking as assistant turnkey and R. Miller as special officer and the board acted favorably on these recommendations.

A communication was received from the state industrial board, written on behalf of Mrs. Blanche Weber, widow of Frank Weber, who died on Nov. 4 as a result of injuries on Nov. 2, in falling off the county bridge. The communication states that the county is liable under the terms of the recently enacted Liability act, to pay compensation to the widow of the deceased. The matter was referred to the prosecuting attorney.

A new boiler, to cost \$1,200 was ordered for the county infirmary.

At this point a written opinion by the prosecuting attorney relative to the manner of filling the office of county treasurer was submitted. The opinion left no room for doubt that a special election would be necessary, but that the board had authority to name a temporary officer to serve until such a time as the new treasurer should be duly elected.

## COMMERCE AND THE CANAL

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 10.—A notable conference called to consider the South's relationship to the world's commerce after the opening of the Panama canal assembled in Atlanta today for a two days' session. Delegates representing commercial bodies in all parts of the South are in attendance.

## YOUNG RE-ELECTED DECLARES STATE BOARD OF CANVASSERS

## INFORMER WEBBER NOW DENIES STORY

REPUDIATES IN MANY RESPECTS  
STATEMENT OF PLOT TO  
KILL ROSENTHAL.

New York, Dec. 10.—"Bridge" Webber, one of the informers, whose testimony convicted Lieutenant Becker, and four gunmen of the murder of Rosenthal, returned from Havana today and issued a statement repudiating in many respects the story he told on the witness stand. Today he said there was no plot to murder Rosenthal. On the contrary he said the gunmen went to the Hotel Metropole to frighten the gambler, but two got drunk and the fatal shooting resulted. Assistant District Attorney Moss, who conducted Webber's examination on the stand, said he was amazed at the statement.

## MAY CONSENT TO RUN.

Friends Urge James Ashton to Run for Treasurership.

The friends of James Ashton of the C. & H. mine office are making an effort to prevail upon him to run for the Republican nomination for county treasurer at the special primary election to be held early in 1913. While Mr. Ashton has not yet consented to run, it is not unlikely that he will do so and those who have suggested his name, believe that he will prove a strong candidate.

Mr. Ashton has been in the employ of the C. & H. Mining company for the past thirty years and for some time has been engaged in the work of collecting and tabulating underground statistics for the mine. He is an expert accountant and thoroughly qualified to discharge the duties of the office satisfactorily. When asked by a representative of The News today, Mr. Ashton admitted that he was considering getting into the race.

## GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

O. M. Arebach, Convicted of Killing Partner, Goes to Jackson.

Baldwin, Mich., Dec. 10.—O. M. Arebach of Chicago, an '09 Princeton graduate, was yesterday afternoon sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson for the murder of his employer, Harry Fisher, a former Chicago promoter.

Fisher was killed while hunting with Arebach and the defendant claimed the killing was accidental.

Arebach declared he was confident of being granted a new trial.

Judge Withney, in committing Arebach to Jackson, said:

"It is with regret and misgivings that I pronounce sentence, but if the legal effect of the evidence is sufficient, then the verdict is warranted by the proof. This will be determined at the March term of the supreme court."

## KEY LOST WITH TITANIC.

Vault Containing Literary Treasures Is Hard to Open.

New York, Dec. 10.—The Titanic disaster was recalled to mind today by the opening in this city of a public sale of the rare library owned by one of the victims of that tragedy, William C. Dulles of Philadelphia, and Joseph N. Y. Mr. Dulles was known throughout America and Europe as a collector of sporting books and works with colored plates, his collection being one of the most notable of its kind in the world. For the safe keeping of his literary treasures a special vault of steel was constructed in the library of his home at Goshen. To that vault there was only one key, and Mr. Dulles carried it in his pocket when he went down with the Titanic. To unlock the vault it became necessary to employ a special locksmith who worked several days before he could open it.

## ORPHEANS HERE TONIGHT.

Fine Concert Attraction at Calumet Theater This Evening.

Considerable interest is manifested in the attraction at the Calumet theater this evening, to be given by the Orphean Concert company of Chicago, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Lyceum Bureau. There has been an excellent demand for seats and indications point to a crowded house.

The Orphean concert company is composed of four young men, all of whom are artistic entertainers. Their program will consist of instrumental as well as vocal numbers and includes some novel features, such as car-tuning.

## BASKETBALL PRACTICE.

The Y. M. C. A. basketball team will hold a regular practice tomorrow evening in the association gymnasium. The Calumet Independents, who will meet the M. C. M. team at Houghton Saturday evening, may line up against the Y. M. C. A. team in a practice game. The Independents are a strong team, including some Y. M. C. A. and some Engineer players.

## TECHNICALITY BEATS M'DONALD

Name of Progressive Candidate

Appeared Erroneously on  
Ontonagon Ballots

458 VOTES TAKEN FROM TOTAL

Board's Ruling Based on Supreme

Court Decision on Similar

Question

GIVES YOUNG PLURALITY OF 215

Lansing, Dec. 10.—Representative H. Olin Young of the Twelfth congressional district was re-elected, because of a technicality, according to the official election results announced by the state board of canvassers. The unofficial returns gave the election to W. J. MacDonald, Progressive.

Unofficial returns gave the election to William J. MacDonald, Progressive. It developed, however, that the ballots in Ontonagon county erroneously carried the name of "Sheldon William J. MacDonald," as the Progressive candidate. The board held the view that according to a supreme court decision on a similar question, those votes must be counted for the name that appeared on the ballot, thereby taking away 458 votes from William J. MacDonald's total. This gave Young a plurality of 215.

## Will Be Contested.

The news of the official decision of the state board of canvassers caused great surprise throughout the copper country, where it was thought the unofficial returns were conclusive enough to insure Mr. MacDonald's election above all contingencies. It was at first thought the technicality discovered by the state board of canvassers was based on the printing of Mr. MacDonald's name on the ballot, in view of the fact that he is enrolled as a Republican. This question was much discussed just before the election, but Mr. Young declined to take steps to prevent the printing of Mr. MacDonald's name on the official ballots, preferring to let the voters decide.

Mr. MacDonald is at present in Chicago, in attendance at the conference of the Progressive national committee members and successful candidates. He could not be reached by The News this afternoon.

John D. Kerr, Mr. MacDonald's law partner, and the Houghton county member of the Progressive committee for the Twelfth Congressional district, declined to make an official statement, preferring to await Mr. MacDonald's return. He assured The News that the decisions of the state board of canvassers would be contested by the Progressives of the Twelfth district.

"Mr. MacDonald is one of the committee members who were aware that there was an irregularity about the Ontonagon county ballots," said Mr. Kerr, "and there can be no mistaking the intent of the voters in that county, as between Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Young."

## NOVEL DANCING PARTY.

The Slovenian Young Men's Benevolent Union announces a novel New Year's promenade to be given in the Italian hall on Wednesday, January 2. Dancing will commence at 1:30 in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evening. Music will be furnished by the C. & H. orchestra. The public is cordially invited to attend the party.

## WINTER TOURIST SERVICE.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road today inaugurated the second session of its De Luxe train service between Chicago and southern California points. The schedule provides for a weekly train in each direction between Chicago and Los Angeles during the winter season.

## NEW YORKER WEDS ABROAD.

Vienna, Dec. 10.—Many members of the American colony in Vienna were present at the wedding today of Miss Lela von Hartenreich, daughter of Col. and Mrs. von Hartenreich of this city and William Henry Young, son of Mrs. William Henry Young of Tussock, N. Y.